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interacting with the Jarawas. Jarawa policy notified during December, 2004 clearly highlight our approach to deal with the primitive tribe. Jarawa Tourism as phrased out in the note will automatically die out with proper enforcement of policy and other administrative measures taken up by the Administration.

Regarding controlling the number of visitors to Baratang, the Department does not consider that a stage has come which calls for such control. While Jolly Bouy and Red Skin Islands are protected areas and easier to restrict the number of visitors, it will be neither practical nor feasible to impose such restriction nor situation demands such imposition from environmental angle. Necessity lies with identifying the ground realities i.e. how effectively to enforce the policy and other administrative checks rather than focusing on less relevant issues.

II. News item appeared in the paper on 26.11.08

Killing of fishermen by Jarawas is due to trespass into Tribal territory by the fishermen. Department has nothing to comment on the incident except that non-tribal communities needs to be alerted not to venture into the tribal territory. By way of declaring the existing belt of 30 Mtr on either side of ATR as Tribal Reserve may strengthen the hands of the Law enforcing authorities to take legal action for intrusion into jarawa reserve, but probable impact on the movement of non-tribals other than selected category may have to be examined before taking a final decision.

III. Closure of ATR through forests/Jarawa reserve:

Regarding closure of ATR through the Jarawa Reserve to the tourists as proposed by the Secretary(TW), it is suggested that Tribal Welfare Department may re-examine the proposal in the light of I.A. filed by the Administration before the Apex Court praying to allow movement along the ATR passing through Jarawa Reserve. The Policy guidelines framed by Govt of India suggest that the tourist traffic on ATR will be strictly monitored to ensure that there is no interaction between the Jarawa and the tourists. Diverting tourist traffic from Port Blair to Baratang by ferry boat can be considered viable option to reduce number of tourists moving through the Tribal Reserve. However, this step will be counter-productive in so far as movement of tourists beyond Baratang i.e. Middle and North Andaman.

This is a complex matter.

We may discuss
at the next meeting
of Secretaries.

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